

The Macrolepidoptera of Inverness-shire —  
 Newtonmore District  
 Supplement 10

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Commander G. W. Harper wrote up the macrolepidoptera of the Newtonmore area in a series of papers, Harper (1954-68). The purpose of this note is to give details of further species found in the area. All records are those of the author except for those marked with an \*, which were kindly sent to the author by Stewart Taylor, the R.S.P.B. warden at Loch Garten.

GEOMETRIDAE

*Xanthorhoe ferrugata* (Clerck)\*. One at Loch Garten on 2.vi.76.

*Eupithecia abbreviata* (Steph.). Two at Kincaig: one on 18.v.76 and one on 19.v.76.

*Ennomos erosaria* (D. & S.). Two at Kincaig: one on 24.viii.76 and one in August, 1978.

*Gnophos obscuratus* (D. & S.). One in the Cairngorms NNR at Achnagoichan on 9.viii.76.

SPHINGIDAE

*Deilephila elpenor* (L.). One at Kincaig on 30.vi.76.

NOCTUIDAE

*Argochola lychnidis* (D. & S.)\*. One at Loch Garten on 15.ix.76.

Harper, in his final supplement, commented on eight species that he had not seen for some years and he wondered if they still occurred in the region. While working for the Nature Conservancy Council, during the years 1976-78, I recorded five of the species, *Lycaena phlaeas* (L.), *Endromis versicolora* (L.), *Anarta myrtilli* (L.), *Panolis flammea* (D. & S.) and *Mythima pallens* (L.), but failed to find the other three he mentioned: *Nymphalis io* (L.), *Laciocampus quercus* (L.) and *Polychrisia moneta* (Fab.).

Reference

Harper, Cmdr. G. W., 1954-1968. The Macrolepidoptera of Inverness-shire, Newtonmore District. *Ent. Rec. J. Var.*, vols: 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 80. The main list is in three parts, in vol. 66, and there are nine supplements.

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RED ADMIRAL (VANESSA ATALANTA L.): SURVIVING HARD WINTER. — On April 27th 1979, I watched a ragged worn specimen feeding on willow catkin and basking on the ride floor deep in a West Country wood. Another fresh specimen, apparently a migrant, was seen in Plymouth during the same week, by a gardener. I also saw one in Plymouth on January 11th 1979, basking on a building site. I may add that I have now seen this butterfly during every month of the year in England. — A. ARCHER-LOCK, 5 Windsor Villas, Lockyer Street, Plymouth, Devonshire PL1 2QD.